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Sundance NEXT FEST Boosts Lineup with Comedians, Star-Studded Conversations and Music Video World Premieres

Ava DuVernay | Larry Wilmore | Peter Bogdanovich | Kate Berlant | Kate Micucci | Natasha Leggero
M83 | Hundred Waters | Joey Bada\$\$ | Quentin Tarantino | Dee Rees | America Ferrera
Electric Guest | Sleigh Bells | Lizzo

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Los Angeles, CA — World premiere music videos, conversations between film legends and up-and-coming creatives and three female comedians have been added to the lineup for **Sundance NEXT FEST**, August 10-13 at The Theatre at Ace Hotel Downtown Los Angeles. They join music acts like Lizzo, Electric Guest and Sleigh Bells, the Los Angeles premieres of some of the Sundance Film Festival's most talked-about films and **NEXT FEST After Dark, Presented by Acura**, featuring a 25th anniversary screening of *Reservoir Dogs* on restored 35mm and ceremony honoring **Quentin Tarantino**. More info, tickets (\$15-35) and ticket packages are at sundance.org/next.

CONVERSATIONS

Ava DuVernay (*13th*, *Selma*) will join a conversation, presented by FilmL.A., Inc., with director **Justin Chon** after Saturday's 4:00 p.m. screening of *Gook*. Also on Saturday, *Gente-fied* executive producer **America Ferrera**, director/creator/co-writer **Marvin Lemus**, co-writer **Linda Yvette Chavez** and executive producer **Aaliyah Williams** will be in conversation following the noon screening of all seven episodes of the series.

On Sunday, Emmy Award winner **Larry Wilmore** will join directors **Antonio Santini** and **Dan Sickles** and the subject of *Dina* for a conversation following the afternoon screening. **Peter Bogdanovich** (*The Last Picture Show*) will be in conversation with filmmaker **Alex Ross Perry** following Sunday's 4:00 p.m. screening of *Golden Exits*.

WORLD PREMIERE MUSIC VIDEOS

Highlighting the connection between music and movies, three brand-new music videos have been added to the lineup and will screen before films.

Temptation — Joey Bada\$\$



***Do It, Try It* — M83**

Directed by Nathan R. Smith. Co-Direction by Joey Bada\$\$\$. A little girl journeys through Brooklyn as an omniscient Joey Bada\$\$\$ protects her from the alluring temptations she encounters. The track is featured on Joey Bada\$\$\$' latest album, *All-Amerikkkan Bada\$\$\$*. The music video will premiere Saturday, August 12 with the 4:00 p.m. screening of *Gook*.



***Fingers* — Hundred Waters**

Written and directed by David Wilson. A family outing to a burger joint sparks an argument between the parents whilst two children draw pictures to entertain themselves, taking the viewer into their imaginations. This four-minute adventure of mixed media film, fusing live action and hand-drawn animation, premieres Sunday, August 13 with the noon screening of *Dina*.



Directed by Allie Avital. *Fingers* is an eerie meditation on the dissolution of a relationship featuring 10,000 live insects. The music video will make its world premiere on Sunday, August 13 with the 4:00 p.m. screening of *Golden Exits*.

COMEDIANS



Kate Berlant will host the screening of *Lemon* and performance by Lizzo on Friday, August 11 at 8:00 p.m. Berlant has been described by *The New York Times* as a "magnetic improvisational comic" and named by *Time Out New York* as one of New York City's "Top Three Comics to Watch." She is also one of Comedy Central's "Comics to Watch."



Kate Micucci will open the evening with a song leading into Saturday's 8:00 p.m. screening of *Bitch* and performance by Sleigh Bells. Micucci can be seen in *The Little Hours* with Alison Brie, Aubrey Plaza, Dave Franco, Molly Shannon and John C. Reilly. Kate is co-creator and co-star of the group GARFUNKEL AND OATES, with Riki Lindhome. They were one of *Variety's* comics to watch in 2010 and their two-woman show regularly sold out Largo and UCB.



Natasha Leggero will host Sunday's 8:00 p.m. screening of *L.A. Times* and performance by Electric Guest. Leggero has built her body of work with numerous roles on prominent television series including NBC's *Community*, FX's *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*, *Arrested Development*, Comedy Central's *Reno 911* and *Drunk History*, ABC's *Suburgatory*, the sketch comedy *Key and Peele*, *Comedy Bang! Bang! Chelsea Lately*, and *The Tonight Show*, among many others.

FOOD, DRINKS, GAMES AND MORE AT NEXT DOOR

NEXT DOOR, an outdoor social hub next to the Theatre, returns to Sundance NEXT FEST. Attendees can access with their tickets before or after screenings to mingle and enjoy drinks from Hochstadter's, Stella Artois and wineries from the Santa Ynez Valley, samples from Califia Farms, experience an Acura NSX Virtual Reality test drive, participate in games from Allbirds and get your questions answered at the *Los Angeles Times* Ask a Reporter booth.

FREE PANEL

The weekend also includes a free panel on editing a film using Premiere Pro sponsored by Adobe. More info at sundance.org/next.

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